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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2346–2349, and S.J. Res. 34.

Measures Reported: S. 1910, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an inventory and management program for forests derived from public domain land. (S. Rept. No. 108–254)

H.R. 620, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–255)

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Measures Passed:

Commending Public Servants: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 336, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 through 9, 2004, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

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Recognizing Armed Forces: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 328, recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

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Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 74 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 71), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 27, 2004; providing that there be 2 hours and 40 minutes remaining for debate; and upon the use or yielding back of time, the motion to proceed be agreed to.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar.

John D. Negroponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Iraq.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on January 21, 2004.

Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on September 3, 2003. Page S4381

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—71)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 27, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4381.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: There were no measures introduced today.

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2375.

Senate Referral: S. 2329 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

JUSTICE FOR ALL: A REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT

Committee on Government Reform: On April 23, the Committee held a hearing on Justice for All: A Review of the Operations of the District of Columbia Superior Court. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Superior Court, District of Columbia: Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge; Lee F. Satterfield, Presiding Judge, Family Court; and Jose M. Lopez, Presiding Judge, Probate Division; Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on lessons learned from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine International Space Exploration Program, 3:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity concretion 10 a.m. SD 266

electricity generation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1064, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 1092, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans, S. 1748, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, and S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, with the Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold joint hearings to examine international trade and pharmacouticals, 10 a.m., SD, 215

ceuticals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Iraq, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges relating to assistive technologies for independent aging, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related